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1. IN RESPONSE TO REF (A), FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY REVISION OF U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN ALGERIA. ALTHOUGH THE THRUST AND EMPHASIS OF OBJECTIVES AS SET FORTH IN REF (B) HAVE REMAINED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME, EMBASSY HAS EXPANDED THE STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL SECTIONS AND LINKED THEM WITH MEANS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE GREATER COHERENCY.

2. U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN ALGERIA

I. ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL OBJECTIVES.

- (A) MAINTAIN ACCESS TO OIL AND GAS.
- (B) EXPAND U.S. EXPORTS TO ALGERIA.
- (C) TEMPER THE ALGERIAN DRIVE FOR CHANGE IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER WHEN U.S. INTERESTS CAN BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.
- (D) KEEP INFORMED OF THE CLIMATE OF ALGERIAN/U.S. BUSINESS RELATIONS.

MEANS:

- (1) CONTRIBUTE TO USG CONSIDERATION OF LNG IMPORT POLICY AND CONTINUE DIALOGUE ON OTHER ENERGY MATTERS.
- (2) PROVIDE GREATER EMBASSY SUPPORT IN HELPING SOLVE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF U.S. FIRMS OPERATING IN ALGERIA AND SCHEDULE FREQUENT MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. BUSINESS INTERESTS IN ALGERIA AND WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN ALGERIAN NATIONAL COMPANIES.

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- (3) CONTINUE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.
- (4) EXPLORE POSSIBILITY FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
- (5) EXPAND EMBASSY PROMOTION AND FACILITATION OF COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES.

II. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- (A) ACHIEVE SETTLEMENT OF THE WESTERN SAHARA CONFLICT AND

DISCOURAGE ALGERIA FROM OTHERWISE UPSETTING REGIONAL POWER BLANNCE.

(B) LIMIT ALGERIAN INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

(C) DISCOURAGE ACCESS TO ALGERIAN FACILITIES BY SOVIETS AND OTHER BLOC NATIONS AS THEY ATTEMPT TO EXPAND INFLUENCE IN MEDITERANEAN AND NORTH AFRICA.

(D) LESSEN ALGERIAN DEPENDENCE ON SOVIET MILITARY ASSISTANCE.
MEANS:

(1) IMPLEMENT POLICY OF U.S. NEUTRALITY ON THE SAHARA ISSUE.

(2) SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL AID TO SAHAROUI REFUGEES AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

(3) CONSIDER ASSIGNMENT OF MILITARY ATTACHE TO EMBASSY ALGIERS TO FACILITATE CONTACTS WITH ALGERIAN MILITARY AND ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ACQUIRED LOCALLY.

(4) ESTABLISH CLOSER TIES WITH ALGERIAN MILITARY THROUGH EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, VISITS, AND POSSIBLY THROUGH TRAINING AND COMMERCIAL SALES OF NON LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

III. DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL OBJECTIVES

(A) MAINTAIN CORDIAL BILATERAL RELATIONS TO PERMIT EXERTION OF U.S. INFLUENCE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WHERE POSSIBLE AND TO MINIMIZE ALGERIAN DAMAGE TO U.S. MULTILATERAL INTERESTS.

(B) MODERATE ALGERIAN REJECTIONIST LEANINGS AND OBTAIN ALGERIAN ACQUIESCENCE IN U.S. SUPPORTED MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS.

(C) DISCOURAGE ALGERIAN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

(D) ENCOURAGE ALGERIAN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

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(1) MAKE MAJOR EFFORT TO OBTAIN ACCURATE AND DETAILED UNDERSTANDING OF ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY.

(2) EXPAND THE SCOPE OF OFFICIAL U.S. CONTACT WITH GOA BY SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH-LEVEL U.S. OFFICIALS TO VISIT ALGERIA AND FOR THEIR ALGERIAN COUNTERPARTS TO VISIT U.S.

(3) UTILIZE THE BOUMEDIENE VISIT TO ESTABLISH DIRECT, HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL CONTACT.

(4) EXPAND EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND PROGRAMS AND ENCOURAGE EARLY SIGNING OF THE CULTURAL AGREEMENTS.

(5) CONTINUE TO INCREASE EMBASSY OFFICER INFORMAL CONTACT WITH SUCH GROUPS IN ALGERIAN SOCIETY AS LEADERS IN ARTS AND CULTURE, PROFESSIONS, EDUCATION (INCL. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS) MILITARY, SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS, PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN AND PRIVATE ECONOMIC ELITE.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS REVISION.

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